1. if they are aware that a metalled road suitable for wheeled traffic starting from Parur (Travancore) has reached Varapuzha on the Cochin frontier at Cheranellur with the small breadth of canal between;

2. if they are aware that if the Cochin D. P. W. takes up the paving of the road that lies in continuation of the Cochin side, through connection to Ernakulam can be had at a small cost either by the Alwaye—Edappilly—Ernakulam road or *via* Chittur—Vaduthala—Ernakulam road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. No.

2. The matter is under investigation.

Training—Forestry.

515. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) does the Government now propose to take measures for the training of young men as foresters;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what will be the strength of the training class?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The strength of the class will be six.

Foresters and Guards.

516. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to give a caste-war list of the foresters and guards now in service, detailing their educational qualifications, service, and pay?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—A list is appended. (*Appendix XIII*).

Boats—landing place.

517. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 78 (b) of the last session, will the Government be pleased to state whether the boats of Messrs. Syndicate Navigation and Public Relief have anything to do with the train passengers;

and whether they suffer any disadvantage from the present arrangements accorded to them, namely, the insistence on their taking passengers from the Southern Canal Jetty only;

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They do not take train passengers from or to the Jail Jetty nor have applied to do so.

The Government have no information. The Canal Jetty is the main landing place for the line boats in Ernakulam. For purposes of control and proper supervision, the present arrangement has to be insisted on.

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